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Application of: Alvarez et al.

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TRANSPORT RECEPTORS AND

RELATED METHODS

Attorney Docket No.: 1101-220

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2000, be extended for a period of three months from December 28, 2000 to and including March 28, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$890.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

March 28, 2001

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